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MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2003 AT 5:30 PM

CITIZENS' TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

STEPHEN P. CLARK CENTER

111 NW FIRST STREET

MIAMI, FLORIDA 33128

18TH FLOOR, ROOM 3 (18-3)

AGENDA

I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Meeting of August 27, 2003

III. WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

IV. WELCOME JOHN MARTINEZ, FDOT DISTRICT VI SECRETARY

V. PUBLIC COMMENT (*time limit 3 minutes each speaker*)

VI. ACTION ITEMS

- A. I-395 PROJECT – *Jesus Guerra, MPO Staff*
- B. ENFORCEMENT PRIORITY LIST AND RESOLUTION – *Frank Hernandez*
- C. APPOINTING QUALIFIED INDIVIDUALS TO THE CITT – *Mac Glasgow*

VII. INFORMATION ITEMS

- A. COMMUNITY CHARACTERISTICS PROJECT – *Jill Strube, FIU Institute of Government*
- B. FEDERAL ROADWAY RECLASSIFICATION EXPLANATION – *Mike Hatcher*

VIII. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT TO THE COMMITTEE

IX. CTAC SECRETARIAT'S REPORT - 5 Minutes

X. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. TRANSIT SUBCOMMITTEE
- B. SURFACE TRANSPORTATION SUBCOMMITTEE
- C. ELDERLY AND DISABLED SUBCOMMITTEE
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- E. MARITIME SUBCOMMITTEE
- F. LEGISLATIVE SUBCOMMITTEE

XI. OLD BUSINESS

XII. NEW BUSINESS

XIII. MEETING DATES

A. CTAC Subcommittee	10/15/03
B. CTAC Full Committee	10/29/03
C. MPO Governing Board	10/23/03
D. TPC	10/16/03
E. TPTAC	10/08/03
F. BPAC	10/22/03
G. TARC	10/08/03
H. LRTP	10/09/03

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

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SUMMARY OF MINUTES

MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2003

CTAC ATTENDANCE:

Frank Hernandez, Chair
Mike Hatcher, First Vice Chair
Norman Wartman, Second Vice Chair
Rolando Acosta
Willie Duckworth
Mac Glasgow
Peggy Hollander
Ramon Irigoyen
Christopher Morton
Mario Nuevo
Emma Pringle
Ramon Ramos
Bernard Superstein
Lee Swerdlin
Naomi Wright
Jorge Maspons for Jose de Almagro

OTHERS PRESENT:

Elizabeth Rockwell, CTAC Secretariat
Dave Barlett, Citizen
Paul Yavis, Team Metro Citizen's Academy
Miles Moss, CITT
Roosevelt Bradley, MDT
Claudette Hinton, MDT
Seraphin Bernard, MDT
Patrice Rosemond, MDT
Delfin Molins, PWD

Jill Strube, FIU
Jesus Guerra, MPO Staff
Wilson Fernandez, MPO Staff
J.G. Arigus, Alednam
Janet Seitlin, FDOT

Mr. Frank Hernandez, Chair, welcomed everyone to the meeting and recognized quorum.

I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mac Glasgow moved the agenda and the motion was seconded by Norman Wartman. Changes were made to the agenda that included the omission John Martinez, FDOT VI Secretary's presentation and the addition of an update regarding Baylink under Informational Items VI. C. by Wilson Fernandez, MPO Staff. Upon being put to a vote, the motion passed unanimously.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mac Glasgow moved for the approval of the minutes for the August 27, 2003 meeting and the motion was seconded by Norman Wartman. Upon being put to a vote, the motion passed unanimously.

III. WELCOME NEW CTAC MEMBERS

No new members.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

Dave Barlett expressed that some of the fears concerning the East-West Metrorail project seem to have been confirmed from what he has heard. He wanted to say the East-West line is the most important line in the County and he hopes that all citizen organizations are seeing the approvals for the Baylink project will remember that those same approvals were also given for the East-West project in the past. We need to keep in mind what is best in the long range to improve transit. He also attended a reception for Congressman Petry from Wisconsin where he is trying to increase, by \$4 billion, the transportation project funding in Florida over the next six years. He looked at the transit needs around the country and has a Bill in Congress he is trying to pass. If we are not ready here in the County when this funding becomes available we may lose it. He feels we need to get the East-West project in line for this funding and that he is becoming discouraged with the Baylink project.

V. ACTION ITEMS

A. I-395 Project

Jesus Guerra, MPO Staff, presented the I-395 project by giving its study objectives and an overview. He also explained the various alternatives that were studied and gave a preliminary financial analysis that included the possibility of establishing a District Taxing Authority Trust, establishing eastbound tolls on I-395, and grants. Mr. Guerra asked the Committee to consider supporting Alternative 4, Open Cut Option B at a preliminary cost of \$525 million. FDOT will fund \$5 million while the \$420 million shortfall must be funded by alternate strategies.

Mr. Guerra entertained questions from the committee after the presentation. Concerns included utilizing tolls as a funding strategy and the possible displacement of the Overtown community as a result of increased taxes from the project.

During the question/answer session, Mr. Roosevelt Bradley, MDT Director, was recognized and given time to address the Committee. Mr. Bradley informed the committee that as of Friday, September 19, 2003, MDT and OPTM were consolidated under MDT. As a result, Mr. Bradley was appointed the Director over the newly merged MDT. He ensured the Committee that MDT will continue to work closely with them and that he recognizes the support from the group on the half penny sales tax and the PTP.

Norman Wartman made a motion to pass a Resolution supporting FDOT Alternative 4, Open Cut Option B for the I-395 project. The motion was seconded by Mac Glasgow. A friendly amendment was made by Lee Swerdlin to include the language to continue the project with the PD&E process. Upon being put to a vote, the motion passed with one dissent.

B. ENFORCEMENT PRIORITY LIST

Mr. Hernandez explained that the Enforcement List before the Committee was put together as a result of the Enforcement Workshop's top five concerns from approximately 6 law enforcement agencies in attendance. The Committee was asked to rank the list as to which issue was most important to them and which item will be addressed first by the group. After tallying the votes, the lack of insurance documentation was ranked number one by the majority of the group.

C. APPOINTING QUALIFIED INDIVIDUALS TO THE CITT

Mac Glasgow presented a draft Resolution to the Committee in response to the CITT being down in its membership and the importance of maintaining a qualified and educated membership to address the PTP effectively. Mr. Hernandez expressed his concern regarding the Resolution in that it does not positively speak of the CITT Nominating Committee's actions and that it may hinder the process of allowing a CTAC member to serve simultaneously on the CITT.

Mr. Glasgow made a motion to pass the Resolution and was seconded by Norman Wartman. Further discussion ensued regarding the negative impact of the proposed Resolution and upon being put to a vote the motion, unanimously, did not carry.

VI. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. METRORAIL NORTH CORRIDOR

Naomi Wright explained to the Committee that during the Monday, September 22nd meeting the North Corridor finally approved an alignment for the extension of Metrorail from 79th Street to the Countyline Road. The alignment will be primarily curb alignment except in a couple of areas where crossovers need to take place. This alignment will be forwarded to Washington, D.C. for approval. Ms. Wright commended the residents for the full commitment to this process and their activism throughout the entire process. There are actually meetings left, but the major work has been completed and agreed upon by the community.

Ms. Wright also suggested that there should be representatives from Liberty City and Overtown sitting on CTAC. She suggested we speak with the appropriate Commissioners to appoint individuals who properly represent these two neighborhoods.

B. COMMUNITY CHARACTERISTICS PROJECT

Jill Strube from FIU's Institute of Government explained the Community Characteristics project her group is working on for the MPO. To develop Community Profiles for the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) using the principles of Community Impact Assessment (CIA) to be used as a tool to evaluate and incorporate community considerations into the planning and development of its transportation plans, programs, and projects. Community Impact Assessment (CIA) is the process used to evaluate the effects of a transportation action on communities and their quality of life -- the human environment. Its focus is on the early and continuous gathering of information from the community and other sources. It's a proactive process that ensures that community values and concerns receive proper attention throughout the transportation development process. End products will be as follows:

1. System-wide Community Profile for the MPO's transportation plan
2. A GIS application to map characteristics of the Community Profile
3. Ten (10) copies of a stand-alone Executive Summary Report
4. Two (2) color copies of the Final Report. Any visual tools, such as pictures, GIS maps, graphs, etc. are encouraged to be incorporated into the report for better presentation.

C. FEDERAL ROADWAY RECLASSIFICATION

Mike Hatcher explained to the Committee the process of FDOT's Roadway Reclassification process. He explained he was upset with FDOT in the beginning because of the apparent lack of public input into the process. However, after speaking to everyone at FDOT expressing his dismay with the process he learned that in fact FDOT had indeed notified the appropriate persons to be included in the process. Mr. Hatcher wanted to publicly apologize to the FDOT for his reactions to the FDOT and acknowledge that they had gone over and beyond what was necessary for the process.

It was suggested by Mr. Hernandez that a letter be drafted to apologize to the FDOT for the misunderstanding.

Norman Wartman made a motion to have Mr. Hatcher draft a letter to the FDOT expressing the Committees' regret. The motion was seconded by Bernard Superstein. Upon being put to a vote, the motion passed unanimously.

D. BAYLINK UPDATE

Wilson Fernandez, MPO Staff, gave a brief update on the Baylink project. He explained that He explained the City of Miami Beach Commission on September 8, 2003 adopted on a 3-4 measure the City Manager's recommendation to continue the study for a light rail system utilizing streetcars in a loop a system. The City of Miami's recommendation was a light rail system on a loop configuration with bi-directional double track system.

This adopted recommendation will be going before the MPO Board on an action item with the Locally Preferred alternative based on the City of Miami Beach, the City of Miami, TPC and, CTAC recommendations. After an LPA is selected the project will move into a final environmental impact statement and preliminary engineering phases that will take 9-11 months to complete.

VII. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT TO THE COMMITTEE

Frank Hernandez yielded his time to Miles Moss, CITT member, for an update on the CITT. Mr. Moss informed the Committee that the CITT held elections and Mr. John Cosgrove was elected chair and Mr. Marc Buoniconti was elected Vice Chair. MDT and OPTM have been remerged and the CITT is now under the County Manager's Office. There has been discussion about what tasks are needed by staff and that is still be negotiated. By Laws are still being formed. There are eleven out of fifteen members currently on the CITT. There are openings in Districts 2, 6, 11, and 13. There has also been a request from the Women's League of Voters that more women be appointed to the Board since there is only one currently serving. Mr. Carlos Bonzon has taken over Bill Johnson's place as Assistant County Manager.

VIII. CTAC SECRETARIAT'S REPORT

Ms. Rockwell informed the Committee that CTAC Resolutions will be presented to the BCC Transportation Committee and BCC. A representative must present at both these meetings.

The October CTAC Subcommittee is scheduled for Wednesday, October 15, 2003. Items will include: lack of signals at all intersections along Phase II of the Busway; standards of maintenance at Metrorail stations; safety and security on Miami-Dade transit system; and CTAC on MDX Board.

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(No reports were given for items A- F)

IX. OLD BUSINESS

X. NEW BUSINESS

XI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM

*****MINUTES ARE IN SUMMARY FORM*****

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